

**West Bengal State University**  
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5. Explain the characteristics of possibilism in explaining the man-environment relationship.
6. Explain the basic tenets of Welfare Geography.
7. State the characteristics of Radical Approach in Geography.
8. Comment on the nature of contemporary Geography.
9. Distinguish between Absolute space and Relative space.
10. Discuss the major contribution of David Harvey in modern Geography.
11. What do you mean by paradigm shift in geography ?

**GROUP - B****( CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN GEOGRAPHY )**

( Marks : 60 )

**SECTION - I****Category - A**

Answer any *one* question within 600 words :

1 × 10 = 10

12. Discuss the causes and consequences of flood with special reference to India and suggest methods of management. 3 + 3 + 4
13. Assess the impact of deforestation on physical and social environment of India. Suggest management options to combat this problem.

**Category - B**

Answer any *four* questions within 150 words each :

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14. Suggest suitable measures for bio-diversity conservation.
15. Distinguish between hydrological and agricultural drought. Give examples.
16. How does river bank erosion culminate into disaster ?

17. Correlate edaphic hazard with biotic hazard.
18. What is desertification ? Assess the possible impacts of desertification in India.
19. Examine the role of man in occurrence of landslides.

### SECTION - II

#### Category - A

Answer any *one* question within 600 words each : 1 × 10 = 10

20. How gender development can become one of the important distinguishing factors between developed and underdeveloped regions of the world ?
21. Assess the problems associated with expansion of urban areas in India.

#### Category - B

Answer any *four* questions within 150 words each : 4 × 5 = 20

22. Briefly describe the indicators of human development.
  23. Distinguish between concepts of 'development' and 'underdevelopment'.
  24. What are the rationales for food security measures in India ?
  25. Why is the problem of child labour prominent in third world countries ?
  26. Point out the merits of globalization.
  27. What are the characteristics associated with population explosion ?
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